

Town of Arlington
Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 7/14/10, 7:15 pm to 10:30 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.
Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Jessica French, John Lentz, Andy Machado, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener;

Missing members: Jonathan Janik, Steve Kurland, Jean Clark, Mike Rademacher,

Visitors Present: Eric Bourassa (MAPC), Maria Chutchian (Advocate), Carl Wagner (30 Edgehill Road).

1. Public Comments. None.
2. Eric Bourassa, MAPC. Eric requested to speak with TAC about the Green Line Extension. MAPC is working for the State to resolve issues around the Route 16 terminus of Green Line, and wanted to get input from Arlington. They are looking at impacts, development potential in Medford. Ed responded that TAC and the Town have been tracking the progress. We feel that Route 16 terminus would be good for Arlington. The Alewife Greenway, under construction, would provide good access for pedestrians and bikes. Bus access is already available. There is high transit use in East Arlington. College Ave. terminus would have little impact on Arlington, positive or negative. Harder to get there by bike or on foot. Eric said automobile impact is projected to be an additional 40 cars on Route 16 during peak hour. He will keep us informed.
3. Administration.
 - Minutes of 6/9/10 were approved unanimously.
 - Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.
 - Open meeting law requires posting agenda 48 hours in advance. Ed will prepare earlier, Laura will post.
4. Countdown pedestrian timers at Mass. Ave. and Route 60. The intersection may not meet the new standards for crossing times. Mike was not present to report.
5. Mass Ave. Corridor. Public meeting was held in June to present changes to the 25% plans. FST will resubmit to Highway Division, probably in August.
6. Stratton School Circulation. A revised plan and recommendation was submitted to Selectmen, and got a positive reception. Public Hearing will take place July 26. Hope to get it to the Selectmen for a final vote at their Aug. 9 meeting, and implemented for September school opening.
7. Downing Square. Mike is waiting for an estimate for design from BSC, which did the preliminary study.
8. Bicycle Safety. A short term plan including signs and paint to help direct bike riders was approved by Selectmen, to be implemented by DPW.
9. Clean Air and Mobility Program Grant (Rte. 60/Mass. Ave.). Arlington's project is included in list of state funded projects for the year 2012. Design will need to be done and paid for by Town. The final vote of MPO is now scheduled for August 5. Town can look for a designer to begin the design process after that vote. TAC should form a Working Group at August meeting. Jeff estimated that the cost would be under \$20,000 for design.
10. Brigham's Site. ARB is scheduled to open the hearing on July 26. Traffic will not be a focus of this meeting. Laura, Richard, and Elisabeth will attend ARB.
11. New Thompson School. Jeff reported that the Working Group is working with Thompson School Building Committee to collect data on existing conditions. A report is expected to be ready in the fall.
12. Other Schools.
 - a. Dallin Safe Routes to Schools new coordinator is Mark Edry. Crosswalks are painted, sidewalk easements still being sought.
 - b. Peirce School radar detectors ordered but not yet delivered.
13. Traffic Calming Guidelines. Howard will revise for next meeting.

14. Traffic Supervisors. Working Group prepared detailed recommendations on measures to improve safety for students at each of the elementary schools and the middle school, to mitigate for the loss of the Traffic Supervisors. The Committee reviewed the recommendations and suggested some changes, to be reflected in a revised draft to be circulated by Elisabeth. Certain items were flagged for further review to be voted at the August meeting. Recommendations will be presented to the Selectmen and School Committee at their August meetings. Carl Wagner, Edgehill Road resident and Bishop parent, spoke about making it as safe as possible for the children, and regretting the loss of the Traffic Supervisors. The following was voted unanimously.
 - a. General recommendations, as amended.
 - b. Recommended Traffic Supervisor locations as amended for public elementary schools and middle school.
 - c. Standard signs and paint recommendations as amended.
15. Bus Shelters. Laura reported that a public meeting has been scheduled for July 20 at Town Hall auditorium to look at proposed locations and have a presentation by MBTA.
16. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Handouts:

- Ed's Meeting Package: 1) Agenda 7/14/10; 2) Memo from Marie Krepelka to Fred Ryan and Ed Starr Re. 4 Way Stop on Marathon Street, dated May 18, 2010; 3) Email from Colin Ferguson to Diane Mahon Re. Four-way stop on Marathon Street, dated May 5, 2010; 4) Memo from Marie Krepelka to Ed Starr Re. Request for Crosswalks @ Broadway and Sunnyside Avenue and Broadway and Silk Street, dated June 14, 2010; 5) Email to Selectmen's office from Julie Rioux Re. Bus Stop in Arlington dated 6/13/10; 6) Memo to Ed Starr and Fred Ryan Re. Traffic Study @ intersection of Herbert Road and Magnolia Street, dated July 7, 2010; 7) Letter to Board of Selectmen from Lori Kennedy dated July 6, 2010; 8) "From the Boston MPO Website...help identify intersections that need to be evaluated for safety and mobility improvement" 9) Letter to Department Heads and Boards and Commissions from Juliana Rice, Town Counsel re. New Open Meeting Law Requirements, dated July 1, 2010; 10) Active/Planned TAC Projects and Working Groups, dated 7/14/10; 11) Project Status, dated 7/14/10; 12) Draft Actions from 6/9 meeting; 13) Proposed One Way Traffic Flow Plan for Stratton School showing Sign Placement; 14) Proposed Parking Plan for Stratton School; 15) Preliminary Recommendations for East Arlington Commercial Parking, dated 7/14/10; 16) Thoughts re Objective Data—July 2010.
- Minutes of 6/9/10
- Draft Recommendations Traffic Supervisor Working Group, 9 July 2010.